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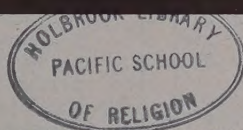


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For Christ and the Church



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Youthful convention delegates and their counselors may secure low cost housing in the dormitories at scenic Jennings Lodge Conference Grounds in the Portland (Oregon) suburbs. The chapel and tabernacle are pictured.

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## From the Executive Secretary...

### They're Saying It . . .

Each day the Christian Endeavor mail bag brings new testimonies to the things Christian Endeavor has done and is doing in the lives of people. During this Membership Mobilization period we have been moved by letters we have received from far and near, from older men and women, from teen-age boys and girls, testifying to the values inherent in the principles and the program of Christian Endeavor. Along with her renewed annual membership one lady tells us she became a Christian Endeavorer only a few years after the first society was organized in 1881. Christian Endeavor, according to her, was the means used to lead her to Christ and to a lifetime of service for Him. A minister in a local city church writes that through his early Christian Endeavor experience he was directed into the Christian ministry. A high school senior tells us that Christian Endeavor is a leavening influence in her life. A young seminary student asks that out of his meager part-time income we accept his renewed annual membership, and declares that it was at a Christian Endeavor conference that he became a Lifework Reruit and now finds himself on the way to preparing for service for his Lord. A missionary in a far-off place sends her renewed annual membership and wants us to know what Christian Endeavor has meant to her. In all of this we rejoice and give thanks to God for the history of Christian Endeavor being written in the hearts and lives of people everywhere.

Will you stand with the host who have already responded to the invitation to become a member of the International Society in 1957 by sending \$10 for an Annual Membership, \$20 for an Annual Membership with your own doubling, \$25 or more as a Sustaining Annual Membership, or \$200 as a Life Member. Can we count on YOU?

### Christian Endeavor on Television

All across the country and Canada, during Christian Endeavor Week, Christian Endeavorers were seen on television and heard on the radio. In anticipation of that observance, Phyllis Rike, executive assistant at International Headquarters and Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, helped to develop and participated in a television program over Station WTVN-TV, Columbus. The program, one of a series entitled "Church People," is part of the time allocated to the Columbus Area Council of Churches. Appearing with other leaders of other Protestant Christian youth agencies in Central Ohio, Phyllis Rike told of the purpose and principles of Christian Endeavor, the outdoor poster program, the Citizenship Contest and THE WORLD. The aim of the program was to emphasize youth in the churches and to mark the observance of Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week 1957.

### We Salute Christian Endeavorers . . .

The Reverend Charles E. F. Howe, Carbondale, Illinois, former Associate Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society, is now Moderator of the Presbytery of Cairo, Illinois (Presbyterian Church, USA) and is a commissioner to the 1957 General Assembly.

The Reverend and Mrs. H. Boyer Wild, Braintree, Massachusetts, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mr. Wild is president of the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union.

James E. Humphreys, member of the International Society Youth Assembly, and publicity chairman for the Erie County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union, has been selected as one of five outstanding Erie high school seniors who will take the difficult National Merit Scholarship tests. Jim is a straight "A" student.

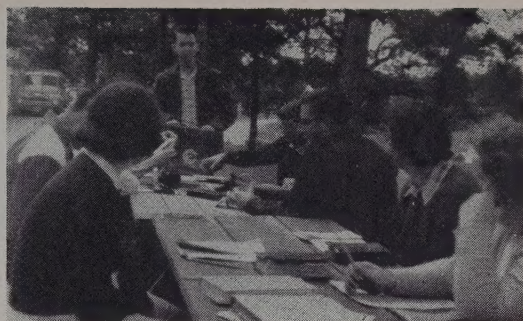
### Keeping Up with the World?

You can keep up with THE WORLD by entering the current subscription contest. You can help increase the distribution of the official voice of Christian Endeavor, at the same time earning attractive awards, including a trip to the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13.

*Harold Westerhoff*



*Robert C. Ross, educational secretary,  
challenges societies and unions  
to provide study opportunities  
for youthful Christian Endeavorers*



Mr. Ross teaches leadership training class for Endeavorers at Ohio's Fall Conference.

"Why don't we have better attendance?" "How can we make our Christian Endeavor meeting more interesting?" "Who can we get to help us?"

Do these questions sound familiar? Leaders have asked them many times. What is the answer? Where is the needed information on Christian Endeavor methods and principles?

The answer to these questions is contained in the basic textbook *Chris-*

*their Fall Leaders' Conference, their annual state convention, and upon request in county unions.*

#### Use Textbook

Ohio uses the book *Christian Endeavor Essentials* as the text in their classes. They also urge each pupil to purchase his own copy so that he may have it for constant use and reference. One county union in the Cleveland area bought enough copies of *Christian En-*

*deavor Essentials* to all who have completed a course in Christian Endeavor Essentials. These certificates are furnished upon request.

#### Suggestions for Classes

When classes in Christian Endeavor Essentials are being planned, the following suggestions should be considered.

It is important that the leader of such a class believe in Christian Endeavor, have experience in its details, be a good executive, and be ready to work and get others to work. It is also helpful if he has had training as a teacher.

The class may meet weekly, every other week, or on consecutive days in the case of an institute or special series of meetings. It may consist of few or many pupils. The executive committee alone may form a class, or the entire society may use the first fifteen minutes of each meeting to study a chapter of the textbook. Classes that have an hour or more for each study period may well cover several chapters at a session.

Every Christian Endeavor leader from coast to coast should be on the lookout constantly for new opportunities for Christian Endeavor Essentials classes. The challenge to train Endeavorers for Christ and the Church never ends.

## BASIC TRAINING

*tian Endeavor Essentials*, and in Christian Endeavor Essentials classes. All over North America new leaders are being trained through courses on the fundamentals of Christian Endeavor.

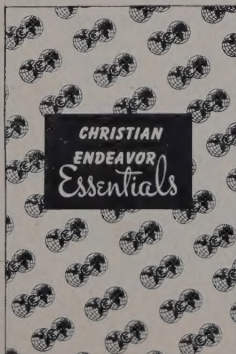
For many years the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union has emphasized leadership training and Christian Endeavor essentials. Study may be done either in class or individually. Instructors of classes are older Endeavorers who are interested, experienced, and capable of teaching.

Many of the more distant areas of Oregon have their own study classes for officers and society presidents with state leaders in the area acting as instructors. Each summer a Leadership Training Conference is held which requires a course in Christian Endeavor Essentials for all first-year conferees.

From the Pacific Northwest to the Midwest the story is the same. Leaders in Ohio consider a course in Christian Endeavor Essentials as the foundation and the heart of their leadership training program. Courses are offered at

*deavor Essentials* to give one to each person attending their Fall Round-Up in 1956. Two societies in this same county have devoted five minutes of each meeting to studying parts of the book.

Many other states have similar stories to tell. Everywhere the need is felt for continuing emphasis on the fundamentals of the Christian Endeavor movement. To give added interest and incentive, the International Society is-



*Christian Endeavor Essentials* is the official textbook on principles, organization, and methods. It is ideal for a study course or leaders' institute in the local society or union.

The book contains a complete chapter on "Classes in Christian Endeavor Essentials." This includes detailed suggestions for class treatment of each chapter of the book.

As the basic training book, *Christian Endeavor Essentials* should be used by every leader for study and reference.

Copies of this book may be ordered from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: \$1.00.



## A Program for Youth...

# Powerful Speakers for Portland

Outstanding Leaders Will Call Thousands of North American Youth

To New Dedication for Christ and the Church July 8-13

At 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention

MEN WITH A MESSAGE will appear on the platform of the Public Auditorium in Portland, Oregon, next July for the International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Six outstanding leaders will address the evening mass meetings during the convention.

The schedule for the speakers at these sessions is as follows:

Monday, July 8—  
Rev. Earle W. Gates  
Tuesday, July 9—  
Dr. Clyde W. Meadows  
Wednesday, July 10—  
Rev. Melvin M. Forney  
Thursday, July 11—  
Dr. Carlton C. Buck  
Friday, July 12—  
Rev. Paul M. Nagano  
Saturday, July 13—  
Dr. Daniel A. Poling

### Rev. Earle W. Gates

The keynote speech for the gathering, which will be attended by thousands of North American youth, will be made by Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society.

Elected president in Columbus, Ohio, at the 1955 convention, Mr. Gates has traveled ex-

tensively during his term of office. He has become known and loved throughout North America.

### Friend of Youth

For many years active in Christian Endeavor in New York State, Mr. Gates has three Christian Endeavor societies in the First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, which he has served as pastor for 18 years. This community church has members from 36 denominations.

In the summer of 1956 President Gates traveled to Japan for the Area II Conference of the World's Union, visiting Alaska and Hawaii en route.

### Dr. Clyde W. Meadows

With the theme of evangelism, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows will challenge youth to take their stand. Dr. Meadows is author of the folder *How To Win Youth*, describing visitation evangelism.

Pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Dr. Meadows also holds many other positions. He is a vice-president of the International Society and president of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association.

### The "Flying Pastor"

Because he often pilots his own plane as he journeys to many speaking engagements

throughout the country, Dr. Meadows has earned the title of the "Flying Pastor."

An excellent song leader as well as a forceful speaker, Dr. Meadows is a popular platform personality.

### Rev. Melvin M. Forney

Emphasis will be placed on citizenship when Rev. Melvin M. Forney of Philadelphia addresses the convention delegates.

As general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, Mr. Forney is in constant contact with many situations which call for Christian citizenship in its highest form. He will urge youth to live daily as Christians.

### Pastor Counselor

Mr. Forney has served several terms as pastor counselor of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

Recently he was elected chairman of the Federated Legislative Committee of Pennsylvania.

He, too, is much in demand as a speaker at various Christian Endeavor events.

### Dr. Carlton C. Buck

Church loyalty will be Dr. Buck's theme as he speaks at Portland.

As pastor of the large First Christian Church in Fullerton, California, Dr. Buck is well fitted to urge youth to greater loyalty to the church.

He has been active both as a speaker and as a pastor counselor in the California Union.

### Rodeos, Hymns, and Books

Dr. Buck during and after high school days did amateur rodeo work.

Interested in church music, he has been a music instructor and an orchestra director for various Christian groups. He has composed more than 150 sacred songs.

Dr. Buck is the author of a book of communion meditations, "At The Lord's Table."

### Rev. Paul M. Nagano

The great Fellowship Banquet is scheduled for Friday night at the Masonic Temple with Rev. Paul M. Nagano as the featured speaker.

A native of California, Mr. Nagano served as pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church in Los Angeles for six years.



**PORTLAND LEADERS PLAN**—Philip S. Hitchcock, chairman of the Portland Committee, talks with Rev. Walter Frutiger (right), associate chairman. The Portland group meets regularly to make local arrangements for entertaining Christian Endeavor delegates from all over North America at the International Convention July 8-13.

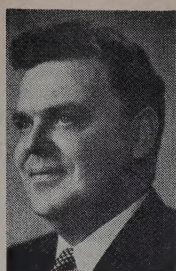




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Dr. Daniel A.  
Poling

## Six Portland "Headliners"

### From the Islands

Now one of the pastors of the Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu, Mr. Nagano is president of the local Ministerial Association.

Mr. Nagano served for three years (1952-1954) as the first executive secretary of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, which sends Japanese-American missionaries to Japan.

### Dr. Daniel A. Poling

The great closing session will be addressed by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, beloved president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

For more than a generation Dr. Poling has been a dynamic figure in American life and world affairs. He is a minister of the Gospel, editor, civic leader, novelist, and friend and leader of youth.

### Known Throughout the World

In his activities to spur the work of Christian Endeavor Dr. Poling has traveled more than a million miles by air. In 1956 he attended World's Union conferences in Japan and in Norway.

He is editor-in-chief of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, preaches and lectures, and is the author of many books. He has twice run for political office, once for governor of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket, and once for mayor of Philadelphia.

Dr. Poling has been known for decades as a fighter for righteousness and as one who has been persuasive with his pen and oratory alike.

### Other Outstanding Leaders

Many other leaders will participate in the convention program.

Quiet Hours each morning will be led by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw, minister of the Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California. General Assemblies will be directed by Arch McQuilkin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who will also be the toastmaster for the convention banquet.

General Assembly singing will be led by B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union. Cecil

A. Jeffery of Los Angeles, California, regional vice-president of the International Society, will be the convention song leader for other sessions.

### Additional Features

Each morning there will be the usual "school" of the convention with many fine conference leaders.

The convention communion service is planned for Saturday morning.

Saturday is also the day of the Junior Convention, with Junior leaders having special conferences throughout the week.

A great Christian Witness Parade is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Other program "extras" include special luncheons, recreation and sight-seeing, and other opportunities for fellowship.

### Hotels and Housing

Hotel arrangements for Portland are tops.

Headquarters will be the very fine Heathman Hotels, near the Public Auditorium and adjacent to the Masonic Temple. All of the leading hotels in Portland will be available to delegates at very attractive rates.

Friends of Christian Endeavor will entertain convention delegates in their homes at \$1.25 per night.

The local committee has made some exceptionally fine arrangements for dormitory accommodations for young delegates and their counselors at a cost of only \$1.50 per night, including bedding and breakfast.

### Registration Contest Under Way

The registration campaign began January 1. Many unions have started their promotion and have appointed a registrar.

Handsome awards are being offered to individuals, societies, local, county and district unions, as well as to state and provincial unions.

## Here's My Registration for Portland!

Please register me. I enclose \$4 (after June 30 fee is \$5)

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss .....  
(Circle proper title-Type or print plainly)

Street & No. ....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I am a member of the Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship  
of the ..... Church  
(Give full name and denomination)

Local Union ..... State Union .....

If over 25 years of age, please check here ☐ If 25 or under, please  
state age .....

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is .....

I desire information on the International Society Tour ☐

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**  
1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio





**CONNECTICUT REORGANIZES** (left)—Elected in January, new officers who will lead the work in Connecticut are: Left to right, front row—Jennie Geissler, treasurer; Hubert T. Edmondson, president; Mrs. Norman Morey, secretary. Second row—Rev. Willard Thomen, pastoral advisor; Roland P. Blodgett, regional vice-president, and Richard A. Thomas, vice-president.

**ESSENTIALS VIA FLANNELGRAPH** (right)—Julian Moran, vice-president of International Society, presented essentials of Christian Endeavor by means of a flannelgraph to leaders who attended the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference and the Program Council sessions in Columbus in December. He gave a similar presentation at the Great Lakes Regional Conference in October.



**THEY STUDY THE WORLD** (left)—This committee recently spent a full day studying **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**. Pictured (left to right) are Phyllis Rike, editor; Rev. Robert Hess; Robert C. Ross; Rev. Robert W. Rash, chairman; Harold E. Westerhoff, publisher; and B. McClain Cochran. Watch for new features resulting from this study.

**THEY WIN FIRST PLACE** (right)—Harlingen (Texas) Christian Endeavorers won first place in the city's Christmas Parade. Theme of the float was "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Youth dressed to represent different countries are (left to right) Kathy Anderson, Jerry Lingle (standing), Jay Jervis, Arlene Tumlinson, Patty Passmore (standing), Frances Fuqua, and Pat Mashler.



**THEY ARE INSTALLED** (left)—New leaders of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference installed by Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., (left) in December are (left to right) E. Herman Brackbill, president; Mrs. Phyllis Hyde, secretary; William Bonnema, treasurer; Ralph E. May and B. McClain Cochran, nominees to the Executive Committee. Charles Heyward is vice-president.



# Outdoor Poster Message Reaches Millions

"Christ Shall Reign! Come to Church! Attend Christian Endeavor Regularly!"

These words on Christian Endeavor's attractive four-color outdoor poster were read by millions from coast to coast.

This highway evangelism is made possible through the generous contribution of the local poster plant owners, who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Here is a list of companies who have received 1957 outdoor posters. To these and all others who have posted the "silent messengers," Christian Endeavorers say a hearty "thank you."

## Alabama

Outdoor Poster Advertising Company of  
Alabama, Birmingham

## California

Foster and Kleiser Company, Sacramento  
Foster and Kleiser Company, Fresno  
Foster and Kleiser Company, Colton  
Foster and Kleiser Company, Long Beach  
Foster and Kleiser Company, San Francisco  
Valley Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inglewood  
Foster and Kleiser Company, Los Angeles  
Foster and Kleiser Company, San Diego

## Colorado

General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inc., Denver  
Cochran Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Grand Junction  
Stroup Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Trinidad

## District of Columbia

General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inc., Washington

## Illinois

General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Peoria  
Sheehan Sign Company, Springfield  
Greeley & Sons, Springfield

## Indiana

Evansville Outdoor Poster Advertising  
Agency, Evansville  
Wilkerson Poster Service, Vincennes  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Indianapolis  
Indo Poster Advertising Company, Inc.,  
Marion  
The Brinkman Corporation, Fort Wayne  
Gary Poster Advertising Company, Inc.,  
Gary

## Kentucky

Anderson Advertising Service, Brodhead  
Louisville Poster Advertising Company,  
Louisville  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Louisville

## Maryland

Potomac Poster Advertising Corporation,  
Hagerstown  
B. B. Martin Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Elkton  
Chambersburg Poster Company,  
Hagerstown

General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Frederick

## Michigan

Central Advertising Company, Jackson  
Slayton and Company, Battle Creek  
AuSable Advertising Company, Gaylord  
Calumet-Laurium Advertising Company,  
Calumet  
South Champion Advertising Company,  
Cass City  
Hale Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Gladstone  
Hale Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Iron Mountain  
Hartman Poster Advertising Service,  
Stanton  
Houghton County Advertising Agency,  
Hancock  
Ray Hunt Agency, Fenton  
Iron County Advertising Agency,  
Iron River  
Rich Poster Advertising Company,  
Port Huron  
Sanders Poster Advertising Company,  
St. Johns  
Slayton Advertising, Inc., Adrian  
Peter P. Steketee & Son, Muskegon  
Vandenberg Advertising Company, Inc.,  
Holland  
Walker & Co., Flint  
Walker & Co., Grand Rapids  
Klaasen Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Benton Harbor  
Leason Poster Advertising Company,  
Menominee  
Manistee Poster Service, Manistee  
Mazda Poster Service, L'Anse  
Myers & Wyckoff Advertising Company,  
Hart  
Mulholland Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Kalamazoo  
Niles Advertising Company, Niles  
Northern Advertising Company, Ironwood  
Quality Advertising Company, Lansing  
Walker & Co., Jackson  
Walker & Co., Saginaw  
West Michigan Advertising Company,  
Muskegon  
Merchants Advertising Service, Coldwater  
Walker & Co., Detroit  
Walker & Co., Lincoln Park  
Walker & Co., Pontiac  
H. P. Jordan, Manager, Sault Ste. Marie

## Minnesota

Paul Bunyan Sign Company, Brainerd  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Duluth

Central Display Advertising Company,  
Glencoe  
Atkinson Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Litchfield  
General Advertising Company, Minneapolis

## New Jersey

United Advertising Company, Inc., Newark  
The J. K. Franks Advertising Corporation,  
Dover  
The R. C. Maxwell Company, Trenton  
The R. C. Maxwell Company,  
Atlantic City  
O'Melia Advertising Corporation, Paterson  
J. C. Williams Company, Asbury Park  
American Advertising Company,  
Long Branch  
South Jersey Advertising Company,  
Clayton

## New York

Whitmier & Ferris Company, Inc., Buffalo  
Rochester Poster Advertising, Rochester  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Ozone Park  
The Midport Company, Middletown  
Disoway & Fisher, Long Island City  
Poughkeepsie Advertising Company,  
Poughkeepsie  
Richmond Poster Advertising Company,  
Inc., Stapleton, Long Island  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inc., Binghamton

## North Carolina

Piedmont Advertising Company,  
Greensboro  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Raleigh

## Ohio

Tuscora Poster Company, Dover  
E. A. Eckert Advertising Company,  
Mansfield  
Harold Advertising Company, Newark  
Central Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inc., Cleveland  
Stark Poster Service, Canton  
Case Poster Advertising Company, Alliance  
General Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Dayton  
Central Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Inc., Cincinnati  
Columbus Outdoor Advertising Company,  
Columbus  
Ceramic Poster Advertising Company,  
East Liverpool

## Oregon

Wuanola Arvid Signs, Astoria  
Foster and Kleiser Advertising Company,  
Portland

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# Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

## STATE PRESIDENTS



Pauline Schreurs



Vernon Gerber

International Society is happy to present the first list of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1957 Society Roll Call.

Special certificates have been given to these organizations. The societies and unions are listed as those receiving gold seals (having given \$50 or more), red seals (having contributed \$25), and blue seals (having given \$10).

These hereby named alphabetically according to states and provinces are those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts in January. As other societies and unions make their enrollment, they will be listed in future publications.

### Gold Seal

Board of Education, General Eldership of  
the Churches of God in North America,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Trust Territory of the Pacific, Ponape  
District, Eastern Caroline Islands

### Red Seal

Blountville Christian Church, Blountville,  
Tennessee

### Blue Seal

Danforth Reformed Church,  
Danville, Illinois  
Alumni Association of Vermilion County,  
Danville, Illinois  
Wren Circuit, Decatur, Indiana  
Fairlawn United Brethren Church,  
Kokomo, Indiana  
Junior, First Christian Church,  
Michigan City, Indiana  
General Baptist Church,  
Oakland City, Indiana  
Junior, Trinity Reformed Church,  
Pella, Iowa  
Cumberland United Brethren Church,  
Gem, Kansas  
Sagamore Alumni, Carlisle, Massachusetts  
Hopedale Union Evangelical Church,  
Hopedale, Massachusetts  
Senior, Bethel Reformed Church,  
Holland, Michigan  
Adult, Grace Presbyterian Church,  
Saginaw, Michigan  
Adult-Alumni Department, New Jersey  
Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Somerset County Union,  
Skillman, New Jersey  
Monticello United Brethren Church,  
Spencerville, Ohio  
St. Thomas Union Church,  
Bennville, Pennsylvania  
Church of Christ, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania  
St. Jacobs Stone Church,  
Brodbecks, Pennsylvania  
Mercer County Union,  
Fredonia, Pennsylvania  
Junior, Evangelical United Brethren  
Church, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania  
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Northeast Branch Intermediate Union,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Southwestern Presbyterian Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Junior, Westminster Mayfair Presbyterian  
Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth,  
Pennsylvania  
Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren  
Church, Red Lion, Pennsylvania  
Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia  
Vernon Evangelical United Brethren  
Church, Letart, West Virginia  
Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren  
Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia  
Denzer Evangelical United Brethren  
Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin  
First Reformed Church,  
Randolph, Wisconsin  
Gibbsville Society, Sheboygan Falls,  
Wisconsin

Pauline Schreurs of Oostburg is leading Christian Endeavor work in Wisconsin. A choir member and Sunday school teacher, she has held many local and state Christian Endeavor offices. She is employed as a bookkeeper.

Appointed to fill out the term of Danny Spring who is serving in the Army, Vernon Gerber of Dalton, Ohio, is the new president of the Buckeye State.

Have you registered for the great International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13? Turn to page 4 and read about the outstanding program. A handy registration blank is printed on page 5.

## Honoring ...

William J. von Minden, who has just completed 20 years of service as auditor of the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Annually since 1936 he has audited the books of the two organizations.

Mr. von Minden is Professor of Accounting at Rutgers University (Newark, New Jersey) and director of the Graduate School of Public Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey and in New York, and is a partner in the firm of von Minden and Bruneau, New York City.

A former president of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, he is now a member of Council representing the state of New Jersey, a member of the Trial Board, and a member of the Committee on Accounting Procedures of the American Institute of Accountants (National Association of Certified Public Accountants). In addition he holds many other professional memberships.

### New Jersey Endeavorer

Mr. von Minden has held offices at the society, county, and state levels in New Jersey Christian Endeavor. He has served as a trustee of International Society since 1931, was a member of the Executive Committee for many years, and continues as a member of the Finance Committee, in addition to his duties as Auditor.

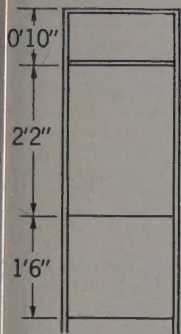


**MAKES ANNUAL AUDIT**—William J. von Minden confers with Eleanor J. Jones, cashier-accountant of International Society, and Harold E. Westerhoff (standing), treasurer, during his annual audit in January.

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# Taking Your Measure



IN a friend's basement I have watched a measuring stick grow. It's really a wide board, fastened to a wall, on which a mark is made on each child's birthday, to show the height attained by that date. Three columns now rise from a 36-inch mark to the one lately recorded for Bruce, a little under six feet.

Probably Young Adults, individually and as groups, should strive to measure how they are advancing as working Christians and as useful church members.

These paragraphs are offered for personal self-study and as a basis for group discussion. Who will not want to consider: what my faith is doing to me and for me . . . how well I am accounting as a steward of Christian values . . . to what extent I help to extend a Christian influence among others?

We begin with the individual believer. All Christian witness will flow from a Christian person who seeks zealously to do his Father's will. To check up on one's own value and stature as a Christian witness might well be considered a practical duty.

You and I, asking ourselves some searching questions about spiritual growth, might use such an outline as the following—though by meditation and in discussion other important points no doubt could be added.

1. How high are my standards, as a Christian? I might test them by what I enjoy doing when I am free to choose my activities. I could ask myself if I choose my best friends among those who try to be Christ's friends and live by His teachings. I may consider whether or not I commonly determine my standards for conduct by definitely Christian motives—which are beyond anything the law and the common moral codes require.

"The romance of conscience has been dried up into the science of ethics, which may be called 'decency for decency's sake.'"  
—Chesterton.

2. Do I progress toward finding how I can best serve Christ in my daily work? Just a year ago this page was headed: "To the Successful: A Challenge." You might like to reread this, noting the emphasis in the concluding paragraphs on "being God's tool." Whether you are new in your work or becoming well established seek to look clear to the heart of your vocational situation to ask yourself, "Am I doing my best to bring my Christ into partnership with me in my daily work?"

3. Am I learning to accept more willingly valid criticism of myself or of those with whom I am closely associated? An example: one Young Adult was commonly resentful

when it was even hinted that her knowledge of the Bible was skimpy and somewhat inaccurate. For her a big step forward has been to read and study regularly, so that she is becoming better versed in the Scriptures—and more alert as a Christian leader—than many a seasoned church school teacher or church officer! This is being done not so much to meet her friends' criticism as to meet the Young Adult's challenge to herself. "If I want to know what I'm about as a Christian and a church member," she comments, "I'd better know a good deal about the life story, the leaders and the great truths of the Church."

4. Am I triumphing over worry? Few persons who take their religion seriously find any time to give to worrying. But I did learn recently of a Young Adult who wondered if he really understood prayer. He was concerned because he did not feel a change made in him, a sense of having opened his heart to God, after a period of private worship. To meet such a concern, here are some suggested readings—and they will help with other forms of worries too: Psalms 40, 42, 63, 71, 77, 107, 138, 193; Luke 11:1-13; Luke 18:1-14; John 14:9-27; Ephesians 1:3-23; Ephesians 3:14-21; Hebrews 11; James 1:5, 6.

5. Am I carrying out my full obligations as a Christian? The setting aside of a definite portion of one's income for Christian work can be a blessing. Devoting time and effort to Christian work pays spiritual dividends. To leave evangelism to others, overlooking the fact that every Christian has a responsibility for winning souls for Christ, can be an indication that one doesn't take his Master's cause seriously.

6. Am I, to summarize, growing as a Christian? "When I was a child," to use Paul's familiar phrasing (I Corinthians 13:11), Christ did not expect much from me but trusting love and obedience. But the Young Adult should be a working Christian, an influential witness for the power of Christ to save and change lives, a guide and comforter bringing Christ's message to those who are confused and doubtful. Is this the way we are developing as Christians?

And here are some questions, which you and your group may develop, on measuring how an individual is growing as a Christian in his relations to others:

I. Are we willing to do more to help others than they may be doing to help us?

II. Do we offer an example, in the responsibilities we accept and carry out, of what the devoted Christian should represent in his family and church life, in the community, in the world?

III. Are we using the full measure of our skills and abilities in work we undertake in church life?

IV. Do we make it evident that the sin and suffering in the world concern us, and that we are doing all in our power to help the Christian cause win?  
—B.H.D.



GERMANS IN ENGLAND—Pictured before a London Baptist Church is a group of German Christian Endeavorers who visited London in July 1956. Plans are under way for Irish Endeavorers to entertain a group of German youth who will journey to the Emerald Isle in the summer of 1957.

## Citizenship Contest "Goes to School"

Students at the Presbyterian Pan-American School in Kingsville, Texas, learned about Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest in their civics class. Henry L. Alsmeyer, Jr., their teacher, encouraged students to enter and all, as a six-weeks paper, wrote the required letter.

Students at the school are Hispanic-Americans. Entries in the contest have been received from Ariosto Marin Reyes and Luis Manueco Jenkins.

## C. E. Conferences And Conventions

### MARCH

2-3—Kansas, Haviland  
22, 23—Southern Region, Augusta, Georgia  
22-24—Maryland, New Windsor  
(Leaders' Retreat)

### APRIL

26-28—Middle Atlantic Region, Holiday Motor Hotel, Pennsylvania  
26-28—Pennsylvania, Holiday Motor Hotel (Leadership School)

## Awards for Go-Getters

Valuable awards will be given in contests that are being held for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and JUNIOR CE MEETINGS. These contests are now under way and will close June 1. Anyone may enter. Subscriptions that are obtained for THE WORLD or JUNIOR CE MEETINGS count toward awards. The top prize in each contest will be \$200 toward expenses of attending the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon. Other valuable awards are offered. For further details write Harold E. Westerhoff, Publisher, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.





# Trust and Obey

Psalm 4:5; Proverbs 3:5, 6; I Timothy 4:10

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 7

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Review the words of that wonderful hymn of the church, "Trust and Obey."
2. Review about fifteen Scripture verses with the words "trust" or "obey" in them.
3. Analyze your own position on trusting and obeying God.

## Biblical References

We have three Biblical approaches to our topic, first from the pen of the psalmist, Psalm 4:5; second from the pen of a very wise man, Proverbs 3:5, 6; and third from the pen of a great missionary preacher, I Timothy 4:10.

Psalm four is a psalm of David. David calls upon God, referring to Him as the God of his righteousness and the God who enlarged his heart in holy joy and comfort. Is it not true that all of God's blessings have a way of enlarging our hearts? Again, he speaks of the folly of impiety and he reminds them that godly people are indeed God's separated sealed ones and really belong to Him. Note the warning against sin in verse 4. One good means of preventing sin is to be frequent and serious in communing with our own hearts. In verse 5 he admonishes us to put our trust in God. We are to trust in His grace and not in our own righteousness or sufficiency.

In Proverbs 3:5, 6 we are again admonished to trust in the Lord with all our hearts. Our eyes must be ever toward God; to Him we must in everything make our request known. Those that put themselves under a divine guidance shall always have the benefit of it. God will give them that wisdom which is profitable to direct so that they shall not turn aside into paths of sin. Acknowledge Him today in all your ways and see what happens.

Check I Timothy 4:10 where Paul speaks of toil and trouble. We are in a conflict against sin and unrighteousness. We can expect hardship. But all who labor and suffer reproach in the service of God and the work of spreading His Gospel may depend upon the living God that they shall not lose by it.

## Basic Material

The church of my childhood sang exultantly a hymn one could never forget: "When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Hear the words of the Psalmist, "Put your trust in the Lord" (Psalm 4:5). "Trust in the Lord and do good" (Psalm 37:3). "Trust in him and he will bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5). The prophets of God in Old Testament days warned the people and their leaders not to trust in armies, horses, or warfare, but

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How many New Testament characters could you mention who were individuals of trust and obedience? Illustrate why you selected them.
2. If we can trust God when circumstances are against us, should it not be a simple matter to trust Him when all is going well? When are we most conscious of this trust?
3. Do you think trial and testing can cripple our trust in God? Did it cripple Job's trust?
4. Are we guilty of fretting about success in the Master's work? Is this one of the reasons which indicates we are not truly trusting Him?
5. Would you consider it a simple thing to reach a full experience of trust and obedience as far as God is concerned?

to put their complete trust in God. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."

We want to touch upon a few characters from the Word of God who implicitly trusted God and sought to obey Him.

1. *Noah trusted and obeyed God during a time of great wickedness.*

So great was evil in the world that the thoughts of man's heart were only evil continually. The Lord said, "I will destroy man." Nothing less would do. There must be the entire destruction of that which had corrupted God's way on the earth. The Lord had announced His remedy to Noah in these words, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood." Thus was Noah put in possession of God's thoughts about the scene around him. All that the man of faith needs is to know that God has spoken. "Thus saith the Lord" settles everything. Noah put his trust in God and he obeyed the voice of the Lord and set out to build the ark according to the divine plan.

Had Noah any anxiety about God's judgment? None whatever, for he placed his complete trust in God who was able to shut him in the ark and release him from the ark. Noah trusted and obeyed and God did the rest.

We as members of the great Christian Endeavor movement remember the pledge: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him. . ." We go forth bearing burdens, shouldering responsibilities, and delighting under the pressure of the

Gospel. We know God is sufficient for these things and will enable us to carry on with His power upon us. Therefore, trusting Him we go forth in His name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Noah did it; we can do it. God failed him not. He will not fail us.

2. *Abraham trusted and obeyed God and did not stop to look at circumstances.*

Read Genesis 22 several times until you catch the message God wanted Abraham to understand.

Here is an exciting human interest story. Abraham stands in an honored position, a position of trial from the hand of God Himself. There are various kinds of trial: trial from the hand of Satan; trial from surrounding circumstances; but the highest character of trial is that which comes directly from the hand of God when He puts His dear child into the furnace for the purpose of testing the reality of his faith, trust, and obedience.

Hear the word of the Lord, "Abraham, take now thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." This was coming very close to Abraham's heart. Yes, the child of promise was now to be offered as a sacrifice. Abraham, a man of trust and obedience, stands as a tall pillar before God who is the abiding support of His heart, and therefore he was prepared to give up all for Him. Read Genesis 22:12. Mark it in red letters. Abraham trusted and obeyed God and God failed him not.

3. *Job trusted and obeyed God in a time of great testing.*

You are familiar with the story from the book of Job. He was stricken. His wife said, "Curse God and die," but Job cried out, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

You can place your trust in the Lord. You can strive to do those things He would have you do. Promise Him today that you will give Him your very best. Put your complete trust in Him, commit your way unto Him and He will bring your deepest desires for spiritual growth into glorious reality. "Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

## Backing the Project

1. Organize a prayer band to pray definitely for five missionaries and trust God for the results. See what happens.

2. Compile Scripture verses dealing with faith, trust, and obedience. Mimeograph them and mail them to each member of your society.

## Best Illustrations

This illustrates a disappointing trust. The Arabian tradition relates that in the staff on which Solomon leaned there was a worm which was secretly gnawing it asunder. *Stanley.*

In conversing once on the subject of trust and God's care for His people, a pious man observed, "It is very easy to talk of trusting in God, with plenty of provision in the house and money in the pocket; but I do not call that trust, I call it ready money."

## Scripture Readings

- M., Apr. 1. Trust in God's Love. Romans 8:31-39.  
T., Apr. 2. The Test of Obedience. I Samuel 15:22, 23.  
W., Apr. 3. Trust in God's Promises. Romans 4:18-22.  
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S., Apr. 6. Trust and Obedience Brings Blessings. Psalm 27:3-6.  
Sun., Apr. 7. Topic—Trust and Obey. Psalm 4:5; Proverbs 3:5, 6; I Timothy 4:10.



# Trust and Obey

John 7:10-18; I Timothy 4:10



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 7

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## For Your Program

1. Opening song service. Hymns of love and loyalty.
2. Scripture lesson—John 15:12-17. Appoint some one to repeat from memory.
3. Hymn—*Trust and Obey*.
4. Prayer.
5. Special music.
6. Leader's talk.
7. Additional topics for discussion:
  - a. Why does God desire obedience?
  - b. Why should we obey God?
  - c. How did Christ obey His Father?
  - d. The blessings of obeying God.
  - e. Obedience the only path to spiritual power.
8. Season of prayer and consecration.
9. Pastor's last three minutes.
10. Closing hymn—*Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go, or I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord*.

## Life Is a Trust

God is the owner of all things, and we are only possessors, merely stewards, of the things committed to our care.

So with the life God commits to our care. We must do more with life than to simply keep it. We cannot, in any adequate sense, keep it unless we invest it. This was the fatal mistake of the unfaithful servant who buried his Lord's pound. God insists that we put life to the maximum use. He demands the fullest return, both for His sake and for our own. Therefore, life is a sacred trust.

"Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust" says Psalm 40:4. The psalmist urges youth to make God their hope. Youth dare not trust in their own righteousness, for "the proud He knoweth afar off." This is true in regard to faith in Christ. Blessed are they who put their trust in Him and in His righteousness, Jesus states over and over.

## Obeying Scientific Laws

The scientist who discovers and obeys the greatest number of nature's laws becomes the master over the forces that these laws control. For example, Edison and Marconi are called the great electrical wizards because they have discovered and learned to obey more of the laws of electricity than other men.

The Wright brothers learned to fly in a machine heavier than air because they discovered the laws of flight and learned to obey them most carefully and faithfully.

Luther Burbank, the so-called plant wizard, performed what would have seemed miracles ten years ago, in the plant and vegetable world, because he became a most earnest, reverent, and painstaking student of the laws of growth—horticulture, floriculture, and agriculture. Having discovered these laws he obeyed them cheerfully and conscientiously and lo, the forces these laws controlled became Burbank's servants and friends.

## OUR AIMS

1. To understand God's spiritual laws.
2. To learn what it means to be obedient to God's will.
3. To be obedient "to the heavenly vision" as it is progressively revealed to Christians.

## QUESTIONS

1. Are the sins of omission of greater consequence than the sins of commission?
2. How can we discover the will of God for us?
3. Why does a self-centered life fail?
4. How did Jesus manifest life obedience?
5. What are some psalms of trust?
6. How can we trust God to aid us when we are tested at school? with friends?

## God's Laws

Just as in the scientific realm there are certain laws to be observed, so it is in the moral and spiritual world. God has established His universe according to moral laws. There are two great laws for us to obey.

*The First Great Commandment.* Read Matthew 22:37. It is well to remind the self-righteous moral folk of our acquaintance, who pride themselves upon their goodness and yet ignore God's just claims upon them, that the greatest sin in the sight of God is not lying or stealing or committing adultery, but the failure to love God supremely and to do His will gladly. God has more consideration and compassion for the poor publican who knows he is a sinner, unworthy to stand before God, than he does for the self-righteous Pharisee who feels no need of repentance nor forgiveness.

Such obedience means, in every matter of conduct personal or social, God's will, God's honor, God's kingdom is to have the pre-eminence in our lives. The rule of our lives must always be, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Obedience to this first and great commandment enables God to become your benefactor, your friend, your heavenly father.

## From The Book of Books

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*The second great commandment.* Matthew 22:39, "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Love to God, if sincere, will always result in love to our fellowmen. John said that he who says he loves God and hates his brother, is a liar. Pretty strong language, but John certainly knew what he was talking about. John's interpretation of religion needs to be revived and emphasized today. Jesus said that religion does not consist in pious phrases nor long prayer. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Luke 5:1-11 tells of one who obeyed Christ. Peter became one of the Master's great fishermen because he obeyed His voice and launched out into the deep. The second step in following Christ is obedience to His voice. Obedience, whether the thing we are told to do seems a likely thing to do or not, is a necessary element in discipleship. As followers of Christ we should launch out with Him into a knowledge of the Bible, into a large channel of Christian service. Obedience to the clearly-discerned voice of command from the Master leads to a closer walk with Him.

## Results of Trust and Obedience

*Knowledge.* "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17). Why should not obedience to God free the mind of larger things? There must be first a willingness to do, then the knowledge follows immediately. The order can never be reversed.

*Provision.* "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). God has promised to protect those who seek to do His will. He too has promised to care for their every need. Why, then, should we ever be worried or afraid in the path of obedience?

*Power.* "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). "The world has yet to see what God can accomplish through a man who will give himself up wholly to His will." To such a man God will surely give assurance as to his duty and the power to achieve results.

*Companionship.* "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). We are not made to be alone. We crave friendship. Nothing can take the place of personal communion with God, perfect friendship with Him, loving fellowship with His spirit.

*Eternal Life.* "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). The evidences of eternal life which we may enjoy through obedience here and now are (a) the freedom of righteousness, (b) joy, (c) peace (Romans 14:17).





# Crown the Saviour King

Matthew 21:1-9, John 12:12-19  
(Palm Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 1

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Why not do some reviewing of Old Testament kings who truly desired to serve God?

2. Check modern history for the kings who reign in power now.

3. For your own thinking write down the things you think a king should represent.

## Biblical References

We have two references for our analysis, Matthew 21:1-9 and John 12:12-19. Jesus Christ and His followers are approaching Jerusalem from Jericho. The distance was about 19 miles. Most of the way was a desert, or filled with caves, rocks, and woods, a fit place for robbers. The last thing Jesus did before leaving Jericho was to open the eyes of two blind men who were sitting by the wayside. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All the four evangelists take notice of this passage of Christ riding into Jerusalem five days before His death. The Passover was on the 14th day of the month and this was the 10th, the day on which the law appointed that the paschal lamb should be taken up and set apart for that service (Exodus 12:3). On that day therefore Christ, our Passover, who was to be sacrificed for us, publicly entered Jerusalem.

The multitudes went before Him, spreading their garments in the way and covering the road with branches from the trees. They shouted, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Note His reception in Jerusalem, v. 10. Every one took notice of Him. The citizens cried out, "Who is this?" Though He was the glory of His people Israel, yet Israel knew Him not. The holy One unknown in the Holy City, v. 10. The multitude answered, "This is Jesus." The multitude were better acquainted with Christ than the great ones.

John also records the coming of Christ into Jerusalem (John 12:12-19). The people went forth to meet Him. They wanted to give Him an agreeable reception. In their cry they acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the King of Israel. This king comes in the name of the Lord. They heartily wish well to His kingdom, which is the meaning of Hosanna. His kingdom may be disturbed, but it will never be destroyed.

## Basic Material

If you get close enough to this account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John you can hear the stirring of the multitude and the loud shouts of "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Matthew tells us that the children in the temple were crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David." What was it that led these young ones to welcome Jesus Christ?

These children saw nothing whatever in the outer garb of that lowly pilgrim to indicate the coming deliverer, the Saviour King. They might have heard of Him as the gracious

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can one know when Christ is king in his life?

2. The multitude cried out, "Who is this?" How would you answer that question today?

3. How did the enemies of Christ react when they saw the multitude go after Christ and shout "Hosanna"? Are we guilty today of doing the very same thing?

4. How does the Saviour King value men, by their names, souls, or by their titles of honor?

5. Mention at least three parts in the Palm Sunday story of the Triumphal Entry which appeal to you.

and holy prophet of Galilee, who went about continually doing good, who had cured by a word the sick and even raised the dead. But it was when they saw for themselves His gentle look, met the glance of His kindly eyes, and heard the tone of His tender voice that their hearts were attracted to Him.

He approaches all of us as He approached the Holy City. He comes to us as a king, as the promised one. But for His coming to be a blessing we must do as did the happy ones in the text. Great is the blessedness of those who thus receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. *We see the Saviour King approaching the city of Jerusalem.*

The Holy City, situated near the watershed of the central highlands of Palestine, is more than 3,000 feet higher than Jericho, and the road ascending to it winds along the side of a deep, rugged gorge which cleaves the barren hills of the wilderness of Judea. Jesus led the multitudes, though He distinctly foresaw the rejection, the agony, and the cross that awaited Him. They thought Him advancing to His coronation and triumph: He knew that in obedience to the Father's will He was hastening to an ignominious death. How voluntary was His sacrificial work! Truly He said, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

Jesus probably reached Bethany on Friday evening; according to the other Gospels He passed Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, in the village. His public entry into Jerusalem took place the following day which was Sunday.

Luke tells us, "And when He was come near, He beheld the city and wept over it." He comes not to be respected, but to be rejected. He wept and said, "If thou hadst

known." None are so blind as those who will not see, those who turn their back on Him. Neglecting so great salvation often brings temporal judgments upon a people; did so upon Jerusalem in less than 40 years after this, when all that Christ in Luke 19 foretold was exactly fulfilled. The Romans besieged the city, cast a trench about it, compassed it around, and kept their inhabitants in on every side. Not only the city but the citizens were laid even with the ground by the cruel slaughters, and there was scarcely one stone left upon another. This was because they knew not the day of their visitation. "And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?"

2. *We hear the crowd shouting "Hosanna unto the King."*

It was foretold that Zion's King should come, thus, sitting on the colt of an ass. Even this minute circumstance was foretold and Christ took care it should be fulfilled. To whom does the Saviour King come? 1. To a world needing a redeemer. 2. To humanity waiting for a ruler. 3. To individual souls seeking a king. To be thy king He must reign in thy heart over thy thoughts and affections. Thy will must be surrendered to Him.

He is the Saviour King. This suggests the cross and the crown. The Saviour dies on a cross and the king sits upon a throne and wears a crown. Here is suffering and glory. Crown the Saviour King and honor Him by the giving of your best to Him. Worship and adore Him. Let Him occupy the throne room of your life.

3. *Behold the Saviour King claiming our homage.*

He claims and wins our adoration. He does so by the right of supreme love, by the right of complete purchase, by the right of grateful consecration which we heartily accord to Him under a sense of loving gratitude.

The Lord has need of you, your prayers, your praise, your talents. Unbelief denies the claim. Weakness hesitates till the opportunity is past. But the man of faith accepts the opportunity to serve Him and love Him. He is the Saviour King. He wants His rule of love to begin now in your life.

## Backing the Project

1. Endeavor this week to make some needy family very happy and then tell them about crowning the Saviour king and what He means to you.

2. Have three people prepare 300 words each dealing with Christ, the coming king. Offer a subscription to *The Christian Endeavor World* for the best one of the three.

## Best Illustrations

The painting, *Ecco Homo*, by Correggio, has written on it words which may be translated, "I did this for thee; what hast thou done for Me?"

When Dr. Phillips, an agent for the Bible Society of England, was dying, he exclaimed, "Christ! Christ! Christ! He is all and enough for life and for death; at the gate, O glorious rest."

## Daily Readings

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| M., Apr. 8.    | The Conquering King.          | Revelation 17:12-14.                         |
| T., Apr. 9.    | King of the Ages.             | I Timothy 1:15-17.                           |
| W., Apr. 10.   | King of the Saints.           | Revelation 15:3, 4.                          |
| T., Apr. 11.   | The Suffering King.           | Matthew 27:27-31.                            |
| F., Apr. 12.   | The King of Kings.            | I Timothy 6:13-16.                           |
| S., Apr. 13.   | Behold Your King.             | Zechariah 9:9, 10.                           |
| Sun., Apr. 14. | Topic—Crown the Saviour King. | Matthew 21:1-9; John 12:12-19. (Palm Sunday) |



# Crown the Saviour King

Matthew 21:1-9; John 12:12-19  
(Palm Sunday)



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 14

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Program Ideas

Start the service with a bugle call, followed by a call from the leader to join in the crowning of Jesus as king. Write the Scripture on a scroll and have it read as a court order to proceed to make Jesus king.

### Devotional Materials

Bible. John 1:1, 2, 14; Matthew 3:17; Matthew 1:1; Luke 1:30, 31; Mark 1:1; John 1:14, 17, 18.

Story. *Christ in Gethsemane*, pp. 150-152, from *The Use of the Story in Religious Education*, by Eggleston.

Poem. As found in a book of religious poems.

Solo. *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.

Books. Horne: *Jesus, Our Standard*. Rauschenbusch: *The Social Principles of Jesus*. Traver: *Life Service*.

Hymns. *Fairest Lord Jesus; All Glory, Laud and Honor; Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned; Immortal Love, Forever Full*.

## The Scripture

About a mile from Jerusalem is the Mount of Olives. Somewhere near here was Bethphage. From this point Jesus sent the disciples to bring the colt. Riding into Jerusalem upon the back of this colt He fulfilled Scripture. This is known as the Triumphal Entry. It is not the only triumphal entry in history. It was the common practice of returning victorious kings to enter their native city with a great pageant and celebration. They brought with them their armies and their captives. But they left in their wake devastated countries, burned cities, broken homes, and dead bodies. Sickness, disease, death, pain, suffering and sorrow followed the march of such an army. But on this Triumphal Entry there was no pomp. There were only twelve unlearned common men, but they had left behind them men with new hope, men with power over sin, bodies restored to health, the dead brought back to life. They had left hope, health, happiness, life. And all this because He was a king in the truest sense of the word.

Notice a few things about the entry that refer to Him as king:

He declared Himself a king. This was the first time that He is so outspoken about the matter. He accepts the acclaim of the crowd and allows Himself to be called king. In verse 5 He Himself refers to Himself in this way.

The crowd called Him king. The cry of the crowd was the cry that was used for a returning conqueror. Jesus not only allows this, but says that if they kept silence even nature would respond and acknowledge Him as king.

He acts like a king. Accepting this acclaim He enters the temple and asserts the authority of a king. Only a king would have dared to do what Jesus did in cleansing the temple.

## OUR AIMS

1. To understand the meaning of Palm Sunday.

2. To see how Jesus is every inch a "king."

3. To dedicate all our loyalties to "the Saviour King."

## QUESTIONS

1. Do you think that Jesus is the supreme king of any life?

2. Is conversion any different than making Jesus king?

3. What do you think the world would be like if Jesus were king?

4. Should the church be active in making Jesus king in industry, commerce, politics, etc.?

5. Do you think that Jesus will ever be king of all human activity?

6. What right has Jesus to seek the kingship of the world?

## What "King" Means

The word "king" as it refers to an earthly king is quite unpopular today. The common people make claims for a voice in the government. But in the spiritual realm there is a king to whom man gladly gives his allegiance. In fact, we would not be so sure of justice and righteousness if man assumed any of the rights of Christ as king. But the great battle which we are commemorating this week decided once and forever that the prince of this world was doomed and that Christ was to be king. Yet Christ is not king unless man makes Him such.

## Making Christ King

*Personal Surrender.* The world will not make Christ king until we personally surrender to Him. "The soul of reform is the reform of the soul." All that we are, with every intention, desire, ideal, and motive, everything must be consecrated to Christ if He is really to be king. Have we done this?

It is then an act of the will guided by the knowledge that such a surrender is essential and fired with the passion that Christ Himself possessed. In this week in which we remember how Christ prayed and surrendered Himself completely to the will of God, will we not follow?

## Daily Readings

- M., Apr. 8. The Conquering King. Revelation 17:12-14.
- T., Apr. 9. King of the Ages. I Timothy 1:15-17.
- W., Apr. 10. King of the Saints. Revelation 15:3, 4.
- T., Apr. 11. The Suffering King. Matthew 27:27-31.
- F., Apr. 12. The King of Kings. I Timothy 6:13-16.
- S., Apr. 13. Behold Your King. Zechariah 9:9, 10.
- Sun., Apr. 14. Topic—Crown the Saviour King. Matthew 21:1-9; John 12:12-19. (Palm Sunday)

*A Passion for Men.* We make Christ king by making men His subjects. There must be an enthusiastic fire in our lives for those who do not acknowledge Christ as king. Have we ever won a person to Christ? Have we ever talked to anyone about their soul's relationship to the Master? Christ is not king of our lives until this passion is ours; He cannot be king of other lives until the result of this passion in our lives is felt.

*Through a Social Gospel.* So long as little children are forced to work in factories; or commercial interests and industrial interests think only of men as means to profits; as long as organized vices including the liquor and tobacco interests with their pernicious propaganda hold forth, so long is Christ not king. There must be organized effort on the part of those who acknowledge Christ against these forces.

The kingship of Jesus is certain. He fought the battle and conquered that last week of His life. Now it is our turn to fight. He is still with us in the conflict and we need His guidance and leadership.

## Jesus' Kingship

Jesus is a ruler but not after the manner of our modern dictators. He is a king yet not by force or military power. He holds his position not by the iron hand of secrecy, oppression, or tyranny. He is a king yet not by political intrigue or usurping of power. He is the King of love, the Lord of mercy. He is the eternal king ruling by divine right. He is the only truly "divine right" king that our world can boast.

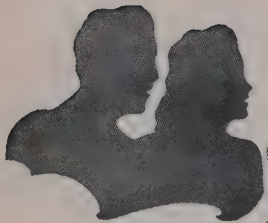
The source of His royal kingship is in God. God appointed Him through a covenant to be the lamb for our atonement and the king for our government, a dying and living Saviour. He is the one king to rule over all. John says He shall gather together in one the children of God which were scattered abroad.

## King of Kings

As I listened to the radio the other day the Hallelujah Chorus was sung by a great choir. A fine solo voice sang "for the Lord God liveth and reigneth." The choir echoed, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, forever and ever." The solo voice sang, "King of kings," sustaining in clear tones the last note while the choir again sang, "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, forever and ever." Again the solo voice rang out, "And Lord of Lords." The choir repeated, "Forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah." Then the entire choir sang those majestic words to that matchless music: "King of kings and Lord of Lords, Forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah."

Is He king of kings to us? Is He Lord of our entire lives? Let us link our lives, weak as they may be, with one who lives and rules so supremely, forever and ever, HALLELUJAH!





# I Serve a Risen Saviour

Matthew 28:1-10  
(Easter)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

APRIL 2

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. As a leader, have you ever wondered what you really believed about the resurrection of the body from the dead? To prepare your mind and heart why not write down on paper what you actually believe about this great truth.

2. The emphasis today is on service. Think it through. In what ways have you served Him this past week?

3. What part of the Easter story has the strongest appeal to you?

## Biblical References

One reference is provided for our timely discussion, Matthew 28:1-10. This is the story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter has no meaning apart from the resurrection. For the proof of Christ's resurrection we have in Matthew 28:1-10 the testimony of the angels and of Christ Himself.

Note the activity of the women about the tomb. Matthew states they came to see the sepulchre, whether it was as they left it; hearing perhaps, but not being sure, that the chief priests had set a guard upon it. Mark tells us that the women came to the tomb having brought sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus. John mentions only Mary Magdalene. He does this probably because his object was to give a particular account of her interview with the risen Saviour.

It was at the end of the Sabbath, when the Sabbath was fully completed or finished, that the women came. All that day He lay in the grave, to signify the abolishing of the Jewish feasts and the other parts of the ceremonial law.

See what happens at the tomb. There was an earthquake. The guards at the tomb were full of fear and trembling and yet they were amazed. Matthew tells us an angel of the Lord was on the scene of action. He admonished the women to "Fear not." They heeded the angelic message and ran from the sepulchre with great joy.

He is risen never to die again. As He lives so we shall live also. He has robbed the grave of its power and death of its sting. He now lives in our hearts and inspires us as we go and tell the message of life and power. He is risen from the dead. This is the message we must proclaim.

## Basic Material

What meaning does Easter have apart from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Easter gives vitality to life. Without the fact of Easter human life would be dull, flat, and meaningless, with no more value than there is to brute life, simply living on a better physical plane and with less real enjoyment; for the natural, universal dream of humanity is the idea that Easter reveals, immortality. That which was the eternal dream of man from

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How shall we account for the absence of the body of Jesus from the tomb (Matthew 28:13)?

2. What did Jesus Christ say about His resurrection body?

3. What are some of the results of the resurrection for the children of God?

4. State several ways that we can serve the risen Saviour today.

the earliest known times, that which was the longing of man, became a reality when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Spring is just around the corner. The old earth, which has lain so drear and dead for long months, which looks as though it would never be beautiful again, is beginning to wake beneath the genial smile of the sun. There is something in the air. It is the promise of life renewed, of a resurrection from the dead. God's annual miracle has its counterpart. Our lives are meant to show Christ's risen power. Instead of barrenness there may be fertility; instead of unlovely traits, beauty; instead of death, life.

Christian Endeavorers all over the world believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. They know that Christianity is the only religion that bases its claim to acceptance upon the resurrection of its founder.

In I Corinthians 15 Paul makes Christianity answer with its life for the literal truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remove the resurrection and the message is gone. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the faith of the early church. Our Lord's honor was, in a sense, staked upon the fact of His resurrection. So important did He regard it that He remained 40 days upon the earth after His resurrection, giving many infallible proofs of the great fact.

Both the friends and the enemies of Christianity admit that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is vital to the religion that bears His name. If it can be successfully denied, proven untrue, then the whole fabric of the Gospel falls to pieces, the whole structure of the Christian religion is shaken at its foundation, and the very arch of Christianity crumbles in the dust.

Every member of the Christian Endeavor movement serves a risen Saviour. To serve a risen Saviour means several things:

## Bible Portions

- M., Apr. 15. Command of the Risen Christ. Matthew 28:18-20.
- T., Apr. 16. Our Basis for Righteousness. Romans 6:3-13.
- W., Apr. 17. Results of the Risen Life. Romans 8:10-13.
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- F., Apr. 19. Power of the Indwelling Christ. Philippians 4:12, 13, 19.
- S., Apr. 20. Resurrection Power. Ephesians 1:19-23.
- Sun., Apr. 21. Topic—I Serve a Risen Saviour. Matthew 28:1-10. (Easter)

1. It speaks of the abundant life. Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life, and might have it more abundantly." We need Christ to make it full.

2. To serve the risen Saviour speaks of the expanding life. It is not only full, abundant but there is a development of life which the resurrection assures, which is possible only in Jesus Christ.

3. To serve the risen Saviour speaks of triumphant life. The outward man is perishing. Time has left its mark upon us. We see many beautiful things wither and die. There are few homes without some touch of sorrow. Heartache is prevalent. But here is the triumphant note, "The inward man is being renewed day by day." We are beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord and are transformed into the same image from glory to glory. The things that are seen are temporal. Paul does not say that they are unreal, but he does deny their permanence. Grip the truth and let it grip you. The things that are not seen are eternal.

John Baillie tells the story of a doctor who was calling upon a dying man. The man had asked his doctor if he could speak to him about the life beyond death. The doctor groped for an answer but as he did so he heard the scratching of his little dog at the closed door of the bedroom. With that he spoke "That is my little dog. I left him downstairs but he has grown impatient and has come up and hears my voice. He has no notion what is inside that door, but he knows I am here. Now is it not the same with you? You do not know what lies beyond the door. You only know the Master is there."

As you serve the risen Saviour you are assured of all needed power for life and service. If we desire to know what God is able to do for and through us we are invited to look at the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:19-22; Philippians 3:10). We serve a risen Saviour. He will equip us for that service. Serve Him well today.

## Backing the Project

1. Take some Easter lilies to your shut-in and read to them the account of His resurrection.

2. Have your pastor take ten minutes to discuss the certainty of our resurrection from the dead.

## Best Illustrations

Easter Morning! What a morning! A morning which accounts for tens of thousands of people singing every Easter Day with a joy that would defy analysis. I like to let my mind run across the world on Easter morning—Africans in tiny villages, Indians in the jungle clearings, Chinese in swarming cities, Eskimos in the frozen North, South Sea Islanders in blazing sunshine all singing, because 1900 years ago in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea the Christ of God, crucified by evil, was raised by the power of God. Leslie D. Weatherhead, D.D.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



# I Serve a Risen Saviour

Matthew 28:1-10  
(Easter)



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

APRIL 21

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## Christ Is Victor

E. Stanley Jones has recounted his first tempt at preaching. He was speaking in his home church. When he had but spoken a few words he came to a sudden end. He flammered and stopped in despair. Ashamed of himself he made his way down to his pew when a voice came to him and said, "Stanley, have I ever done anything for you?" "Yes, Lord, you have done everything," his heart replied. "Well, can't you tell the people about that?" the voice asked. He went back to the pulpit and told them of his conversion experience. He testified to the difference that Christ made in his life. He told of the victory that Christ gives His followers.

This is the greatest proof of Easter. "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

## The Topic Has Meaning

This topic really has two ideas. The first is "I Serve." This is the emphasis we want to place upon service in this meeting. I serve a Risen Saviour not only because it is a binding duty, but also because it is a great honor and privilege.

Most people clamor for the chance to meet a nation's president or king or other high official. In serving Christ we already have fellowship with the king of kings. Too many of us do not realize what a great privilege is ours in this service.

We are serving a king who shall live and reign forever. We are serving a Saviour whose acts have produced abundant and eternal life for all mankind. Let us serve this living Christ with pleasure and happiness.

## Jesus' Power

Christianity is the only religion other than Judaism that has a living God. The people of all other religions worship the founder who has died in years past, or they worship idols or material objects.

Christianity has the same God always. It does not change in a lifetime or in generations. Christianity stands with firm principles and ideologies. No other religion has the miracle of the resurrection to give it power. Are there other reasons why Christianity has stood the test of time? Is Christianity still furthering its horizons?

## The Risen Christ Gives Hope

A missionary to India recently related this experience. She said that a custom among a certain group of the Hindus was to burn the body after life left it. A pile of branches is made, and the body is placed in the midst of this and burned. The families gather for the burning much as we do for a funeral to pay last respects and tribute to the dead. When it is all burned, the family goes home.

## OUR AIMS

1. To catch the meaning of Easter.
2. To see that the work of the church rests upon dedicated people.
3. To pledge ourselves anew to Christ and the Church.

## QUESTIONS

1. Can we be Christian and not believe in the resurrection?
2. How does the resurrection help you win others to Christ?
3. Compare Easter and Christmas, the two greatest Christian celebrations.
4. How can we keep Easter in our hearts the whole year through?
5. Which is harder—to live or to die for our beliefs?
6. Why is Easter beautiful even though it is all about death and the grave?

One such burning took place near the missionary camp, and when our missionary friend approached the fire, the sorrowing mother turned to her and said, "You do not see the end of your dead ones. In your religion you shall see them again." Then sorrowfully she added, "We do not believe that. Death is the end for us."

How wonderful it is that we know Christianity instead of Hinduism. Life could hold no meaning if death were the end. Is it not a privilege to be a Christian enjoying the life which Christ gives us?

## Nature Symbolizes New Life

One only has to recognize springtime in order to realize how newness of life is possible with God. Every year man witnesses new life come to the plants of the earth. If we can understand how the power of God can bring forth life to trees and grass after a long, cold winter, it is not difficult to see how He can give new life to man. Man is the greatest of God's creations.

## Results of the Resurrection

Because Christ arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, there is displayed the third part of the trinity—God a holy spirit. It is because of this spiritual being of God that we can enjoy the privilege of prayer. We

can converse with God as with a friend. We can walk and talk with Him at any time. God is not a far-off being. He is closer than a friend, and just as close to you as your heart.

If you believe in a risen Christ and are glad to be His follower, there will be a release of spiritual power. In our scientific age we should pause to realize that electricity, water power, steam, gasoline, ether waves and human ingenuity cannot do everything. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

Gordon in "Quiet Talks on Prayer" says "The greatest thing any man can do for God and man is to pray. It is not the only thing. But it is the chief thing." This does not mean learned or often-repeated phrases in our prayers, but it means the "soul's sincere desire." Can you imagine what would happen in our community if every young person really prayed?

There would be much Christian work done if everyone of us dared follow Christ. Often we know what we should do, but because of what some one may think or say we do not do it. It seems to be so natural to listen to man rather than God. If we dared follow Christ we would aggressively push forward in the field of Christian work and service.

## Our Personal Witness

The Church is a community of those who determine to live on the principle that Jesus is not dead but alive and is active in the world to convict, to redeem, to sustain, and to bring to completion our feeble efforts for good. Are you a member of this great community of believers we call the Church?

Do you have some responsibility in it? Are you willing to give your time, ability, and money to it? Is your life a daily witness to the Resurrection? If it is then you know what St. Paul meant when he said, "For me to live is Christ."

What happens when young people dare to follow Christ? Surely some wonderful things. In one generation there would be business built upon Christian principles; society with moral foundations; churches where sacrificial love for Christ and His work permeates all members; homes with only love; and lives that are without hypocrisy true to the living, perfect Christ.

## Worship

Theme—"I, Too, Shall Live."  
Prelude—*There Is a Green Hill Far Away*.  
Call to Worship—Select an Easter poem.  
Hymn—*Christ, the Lord, Is Ris'n Today*.  
Scripture—Matthew 28:1-8; I Corinthians 15:20, 21, 55-57.  
Hymn—*He Is Risen*.  
Prayer—That all men may let Christ live in them.  
Feature—An Easter playlet or pantomime may be selected and presented. If this is impossible have Easter poems and special musical selections given.

## From God's Book

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# How to Know I Am a Christian

No. 1 in a Series: "Being a Christian"

I John 5:12, 13; I John 2:3-6; Romans 8:16, 38, 39

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

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## Briefing the Leader

1. How do you know that you are a Christian? Write down five strong reasons.

2. Interview about five people asking these questions, "How do you know you are a Christian?" "How can one grow strong in the Christian life?"

3. Review for your own good I John 5:12, 13 and Romans 8:38, 39.

## Biblical References

There are three references for study, I John 5:12, 13; 2:3-6; and Romans 8:16, 38, 39. There is nothing more wonderful than the assurance that you are a child of God. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. John tells us, "He that hath the Son hath life, and He that hath not the Son hath not life." Again, John informs us that we can know that we have eternal life. We can know now that we have passed from death into life. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus. We have the inward witness of faith (I John 5:9).

To understand fully how worthy the Gospel is of our acceptance, we must feel its efficacy. But this we cannot do until we have received it. Our reception of it, then, must rest on God's testimony. After that we shall have both the outward and the inward witness of its truth. The Christian has one center and one circumference—Jesus Christ in the beginning and the middle and without end.

In I John 2:3-6 John speaks of knowledge, knowledge at its highest. "We do know that we know him." We know that honey is sweet because we have tasted it. This is precisely the force of the term when we speak of the knowledge of Christ. We know His power for we have proved it; His wisdom, for we have been guided by it; His love, for we have enjoyed it; and we know His truth, for it has set us free and we have ever found Him faithful. The Christian seeks to keep His word. He endeavors to walk in the light as He is in the light.

Paul is his epistle to the Romans (8:16, 38, 39), writes of the exalted position of the believer in Jesus Christ. In Him there is no condemnation. In Him we walk in newness of life. In Him we have the witness of the Spirit. In Him we are more than conquerors. In Him we are wrapped up completely in the matchless overwhelming love of God. As Christians we ought to be the Gospel reproduced in character and in conduct.

## Basic Material

There are two topics in this unit, "Being a Christian." Today we consider the first one, "How to Know I Am a Christian."

It is a thrilling thing to be a Christian. Before we endeavor to present truth indicating that we are Christians, it might prove fruitful to discover again, "What is a Christian?"

The Christian is a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26). He is at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

## BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are the things you would look for to be convinced that your friend is a Christian?

2. State some of the ways people are endeavoring to be Christians apart from the divine plan.

3. What do you think Paul meant when he wrote, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; . . . not of works, lest any man should boast"?

4. How would you help the individual who says you can never know you are saved until the day of your death, and then you await the divine verdict?

5. How would you use the Word of God in an endeavor to bring assurance to some heart regarding his Christian experience?

(Romans 5:1). He is no longer under condemnation and walks not after the flesh but follows after the Spirit (Romans 8:1, 2). He is saved by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

How did he become a Christian? Through the preaching of the Word of God he was made to understand his guilty condition, and by the Holy Spirit was convicted of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. This conviction produced sorrow for sin and anxiety for help and safety, which led to a resolve to turn from his sinful ways unto the Lord, in which resolve was repentance, a change of mind. Acting upon that resolve he turned and committed himself "unto the Lord to trust also in Him," for present and eternal salvation, and this is conversion, to turn about or upon (Acts 3:19).

One cannot fully enjoy the Christian life unless he knows beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is a Christian, a child of God, a follower of Christ. How can one know that he is a Christian?

A. Because of His acceptance of Christ as his Saviour.

God's Word declares, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God . . . but the gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 3:23, 6:23). "For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (I John 1:10). It is solemnly true that man cannot satisfy the demands of the law he has violated and is

therefore involved in hopeless ruin. A redeemer was an absolute necessity for the sinner for peace, justification, and heaven.

You must understand that this redemption was timely (Galatians 4:4, 5). It is satisfactory (Romans 10:4). It is perfect (Hebrews 9:11, 12). It is personal (John 3:16). It is universal (Hebrews 2:9). It is finished. You have been purchased by His own blood. Ye are now not your own, but you belong to Him.

B. By your deep desire to walk in the light of His Word.

It is not thinkable that one can be a Christian and love sin and sinful ways. As long as we remain unwilling to turn from our sinful ways it will be impossible to believe aright. It is not thinkable that one can be a Christian and hesitate or refuse to obey God. So surely as one believes on Jesus with the heart will he gladly delight in doing His commandments (John 15:14; Romans 6:16; James 1:22). How strong is your desire to please God? How strong is your desire to walk in the light of His truth? If you wish more than anything else to be His, if you yearn to have Him for your friend, if you feel that you must and will belong to Him or to nobody, you need no more remarkable witness. You truly belong to Him.

C. By the witness of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit tells us that we are children of God through faith in the Son of God. There is no other way of becoming a Christian but by being born from above. How is one to know when the Spirit witnesses to the fact of sonship? Read Galatians 5:22, 23. Here you have the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, "By their fruit ye shall know them."

Can you say now, "I know that I am a Christian for I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord; I have a deep desire to walk in the light of His word, and I have the witness of the Holy Spirit within my life. I know I have been bought with a price."

## Backing the Project

1. Consult with your pastor for the distribution of a Gospel tract or pamphlet dealing with the assurance of salvation, to be used for those who have received Jesus Christ.

2. Organize a class to meet at least three times in which the pastor or some wise leader will show scripturally how one may know he is a Christian.

## Best Illustrations

A man has no right to call himself a Christian unless the virtues of Christianity are in his life. I do not ask for degree, but I do ask that they be there. If you have a plant in a pot for 10 years that has never put out a leaf or shown the least symptoms of life, what reason have you to believe that it is alive at all? It looks uncommonly like a bit of dead stick. Alexander MacLaren.

"All my life I searched for the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, now I have found it at the foot of the cross." Dale Evans Rogers. "My Spiritual Diary"—Revell.

## From God's Book

- M., Apr. 22. Knowledge through Obedience. John 7:16, 17.
- T., Apr. 23. Knowledge through Experience. John 4:39-42.
- W., Apr. 24. Knowledge through Trust. Proverbs 3:5-7.
- T., Apr. 25. Knowledge through Conscience. James 4:14-17.
- F., Apr. 26. Knowledge through Service. Romans 12:1, 2.
- S., Apr. 27. Knowledge from Above. James 3:17, 18.
- Sun., Apr. 28. Topic—How to Know I Am a Christian. I John 5:12, 13; I John 2:3-6; Romans 8:16, 38, 39.



# The Making of a Man

II Peter 3:10-18; I Peter 2:1, 2



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## A Program

- Sing bright, helpful sunshine songs.
- Prayer by leader.
- Scripture: Have three short Scripture lessons read by three young people on:
  - a. Growth in Body, I Corinthians 6:19, 20
  - b. Growth in Mind, II Timothy 2:15-26
  - c. Growth in Spirit, Galatians 5:22-26
- Leader's talk.
- Solo: *Body, Soul and Spirit, Jesus I Give to Thee.*
- Benediction.

## Jesus Grew

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him"—into these twenty words is condensed the entire story of the boyhood of Jesus, from His presentation in the temple to His first visit to Jerusalem. And yet what a splendid picture of a healthy, normal growing boy it gives us.

In the fifty-second verse of the same chapter of Luke we find these words, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"—in these fourteen words we have the complete record of eighteen years of Christ's life from His first visit to the temple to the time of His first public appearance at His baptism. How much happened in those years, of which we wish we might have had a record. And yet after all, what a comprehensive and satisfactory view of those eighteen years these few words give us. They are almost a repetition of the words combining these two verses and paraphrasing them.

This is what we know about the first thirty years of Jesus' life: He was a perfect specimen of healthy, happy, growing boy, with a normal development of body, mind, and spirit up through His youth and His young manhood. When Jesus began His public ministry He was indeed the most perfect specimen of manhood the world had ever seen—physical, mental, and spiritual. In all of this He is our Great Example.

## Use of Physical Powers

Man is first of all an animal. He must be a healthy animal if he is to be happy, strong, and useful. To state this very evident truth a little differently: the body is the essential instrument of the spirit, our real selves; without the body, the soul cannot express itself.

A strong, healthy body provides the soul an efficient means of carrying out its ideals and purposes. What a sad thing it is to see a bright mind, a beautiful soul handicapped in its usefulness by a weak body. What more beautiful and inspiring sight can there be than to see a noble, cultured soul in a strong, healthy body, rendering the world its full share of useful service.

## OUR AIMS

1. To know how to grow up spiritually.
2. To use God's Word, prayer, public worship, fellowship, and service to build character.
3. To see the meaning of real manhood and womanhood.

## QUESTIONS

1. What gifts have we to develop?
2. To what holy ambitions should we aspire?
3. How can we grow spiritually?
4. What things help us to grow?
5. What is spiritual growth as distinguished from intellectual growth? Which is more important?
6. What things stunt physical growth? mental growth? spiritual growth?
7. How is a loving spirit a health as well as a soul tonic?

To be endowed with good health is an inestimable blessing. Young people very often fail to appreciate what an invaluable asset good health is in the business of life. Never was this more true than today. The work of the world today is so complex, so intense and exacting, that he who would excel and lead must possess unusual physical powers of endurance.

Hence, young people, conserve your health. Keep your body strong and fit so as to be able to do your best at whatever work you may be engaged. Make the care of your health a religious duty. Your body is holy; it is the temple of God. Make it a worthy dwelling place for the Spirit of God, and an efficient instrument of service of your soul.

## Use of Mental Powers

The young men and women who would make the most of themselves in these days must be intelligent, alert, quick to understand and respond to new situations and demands. Young people need and should have some amusement and recreation to keep them fit for their daily tasks; but to spend all their leisure time in play or idleness is to stunt and dwarf their minds and thus fail in making the most of their mental powers.

## Bible Meditations

- M., Apr. 22. Put Away Childish Things. I Corinthians 13:11.
- T., Apr. 23. Cultivate Understanding. I Corinthians 14:20, 37-40.
- W., Apr. 24. Strive for Christlikeness. Ephesians 4:13-15.
- T., Apr. 25. Partake of Gospel Truths. Hebrews 5:12-14.
- F., Apr. 26. Overcome Temptation. I John 2:13, 14.
- S., Apr. 27. Christ in the Heart. Ephesians 3:17-19.
- Sun., Apr. 28. Topic—The Making of a Man. II Peter 3:10-18; I Peter 2:1, 2.

To properly divide our leisure time requires good judgment and will power. The effort to do so and the determination to carry out our program develops self-control and strength of character. Doing this is sure to bring reward in increased usefulness and power, in business, in society, and in the church.

## Use of Spiritual Power

Man is a moral and spiritual being, capable of communion with God and fellowship with Him in love and in service.

No one who shuts God out of his life can make the most of himself. Jesus Christ came into the world to bring God near to us, so that we understand Him and receive Him into our hearts. Christ in our hearts brings out the best that is in us. No one can be his best who neglects the deep cravings of his soul after God and spiritual things.

The soul that has received Jesus Christ as Saviour enters into a personal relationship with Him. This relationship is one of closest friendship and love and service. Like every other friendship it must be cultivated by constant association and companionship.

This friendship with Christ is cultivated through the private and public means of grace. Hence we need the church with all of its associations and activities to give expression to our love and devotion to Christ. Here we find opportunity for the exercise of all of our spiritual powers. How empty and impoverished is the life that has neglected its spiritual nature. What hidden possibilities lie dormant, what potentialities are untouched, in lives where Christ has not entered.

## Growth Not an Accident

If we would grow in knowledge we must feed the mind with facts and information. To do this means persistent application to reading and study and observation. One need not go to college to become educated, to develop a strong, resourceful mind. But if we will take time every day to do a little reading of books that are really worth-while, history, science, biography, it is surprising how much reliable information can be acquired in a few months. Then the wise choice of some of the best magazines of today, carefully read and digested, will do much to develop our thinking powers and give us a wide and varied fund of valuable information.

Benjamin Franklin in his autobiography tells how he kept an account of himself by making upon a ruled ledger a list of virtues in which he was deficient. Each virtue had its own space. At the close of the day he rated himself according to his progress or failure. If he had been uncharitable in thought or deed, charity received a low mark, and so down the list. This was a painstaking method, but Franklin built up a character about which we all like to read. We sometimes make the mistake of thinking God can develop talents by the instantaneous process.



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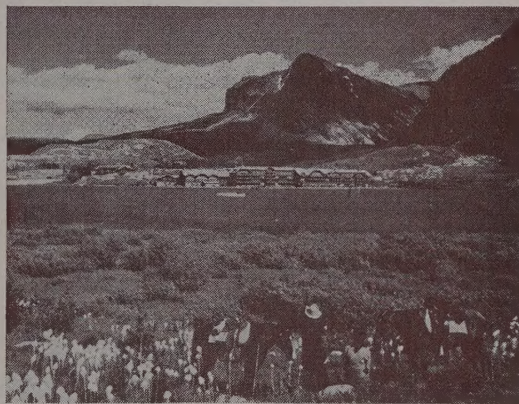
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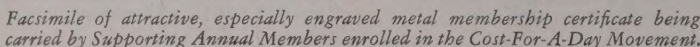
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